

House Resolution 472

By: Representative Dukes of the 154th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending Larry Blackmon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Larry Blackmon was the founder and front man of R&B funk band, Cameo, and
3 as leader of that group achieved record sales in excess of 18 million along with an extensive
4 line of hit recordings; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon is a music legend whose influence on R&B and urban music
6 since his first album release in 1977 is indisputable; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon was a major contributor to opening up the metro Atlanta region
8 as a music Mecca for the urban contemporary sound before the state capital became known
9 as a music business city; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon has been recognized for his musical genius and has been
11 awarded the American Music Award, two Soul Train Music Awards, a music video award,
12 a Grammy nomination, platinum and gold albums, keys to cities, and a multitude of
13 accolades; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon had the foresight to launch and build the Atlanta Artist Records
15 conglomerate and a professional infrastructure that included Atlanta Artist Productions and
16 Atlanta Artist Management; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon has served as and been recognized for his tireless commitment
18 as a mentor, elder, philanthropist, community leader, businessman, father, and leader for
19 more than three prosperous decades as he developed and honed the unique Cameo signature
20 sound with assonances that have been repeatedly copied, imitated, sampled, covered,
21 reproduced, and replayed throughout the world in films, television, commercials, and
22 performances; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon founded Seven Records, Inc., and chose Atlanta to host his own
24 radio show on Kiss 104.1 FM; and

25 WHEREAS, as a writer, producer, video director, drummer, dancer, lead singer, and
26 executive producer, Mr. Blackmon distinguished himself by producing for other
27 chart-topping artists, including Chaka Kahn, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bobby Brown, and
28 Eddie Murphy; and

29 WHEREAS, as a musician, composer, lyricist, and producer, Mr. Blackmon has headed
30 projects and collaborated with Miles Davis, Cyndi Lauper, Miki Howard, and Maceo Parker,
31 among others.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body honor and commend Larry Blackmon for his accomplishments and
34 service to the people of Georgia and our nation during Black History Month 2019.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Larry
37 Blackmon.